**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

HOLIDAYS –General holidays and Optional Holidays for the year 2018 – Declared.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLL.B) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No: 2437.** **Dated: 31.10.2017**.

**ORDER:-**

The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh extra-ordinary Gazette:

**NOTIFICATION**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh direct that the days specified in Annexure-I shall be observed as General Holidays by all the State Government Offices excluding the holidays falling on Sundays shown in Part-II and Optional Holidays shown in Annexure-II except the Optional Holidays falling on Sundays shown in Annexure Part-II, during the year 2018.

2. The State Government directs that all offices under State Government shall remain closed on all Sundays and Second Saturdays in all the months during the year 2018.

3. In addition to the above mentioned General Holidays in Annexure-I, the State Government employees may avail themselves of Optional Holidays not exceeding FIVE during the year 2018 on festival/occasions specified in Annexure-II to this order, at their option and irrespective of the religion to which the festival pertains. Permission to avail any of these holidays shall be applied for, in writing in advance and shall normally be granted by the Superior Officers competent to grant casual leave except when the presence of an individual employee is considered necessary in exigencies of Government work.

4. The Government also directs that General Holidays shall not ipso-facto apply to the Industrial Establishment and Public Undertakings under the control of the State Government, the workmen engaged in Public Works Departments and Educational Institutions in this State. Separate orders regarding the festivals/occasions when these Institutions have to observe holidays shall be issued by the concerned Administrative Department of the Secretariat.

5. If there is any change of date in respect of Idu'l Zuha, Muharram and id-e-Milad as per the sighting of the moon or any other Hindu holiday as well, it shall be announced through electronic / print media. All the Departments of Secretariat, Heads of Departments and District Collectors shall take action according to such an announcement and without waiting for formal order about the change of date.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADEH)**

**DINESH KUMAR**
**CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Publication Wing), Govt. Regl. Press Building, Mutyalampadu, Vijayawada-11.
(They are requested to publish the above Notification in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh State Extra-Ordinary Gazette and supply 500 copies to Govt.
The Commissioner, Information and Public Relations, State Guest House Premises, Gopala Reddy Street, Suryaraopet, Vijayawada , Andhra Pradesh. (He is requested to give wide publicity through media).
The Home/Education/TR&B/Irr. & CAD(PW)/Agri. & Coop./Energy/Food & Civil supplies/AH&F/EFS&ST/Ind.&Com./B.C.Welfare/WD&CW /LE&T/YAT&C Departments.
(They are requested to take necessary action in the matter with reference to para 4 of the notification).
All other Departments of Secretariat.
All Administrative Sections in General Administration Department.

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All Heads of Departments.
All the Collectors & District Magistrates in Andhra Pradesh
The Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, No.1, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, New Delhi.
The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
The Registrar General, High Court of Judicature for the State of Telangana and State of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Registrar, A.P. Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad.
The Registrar, Institution of A.P. Lokayukta/Upalokayukta, Hyderabad.
The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Wakf Board, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
All the Heads of Local Financial Institutions in the State.
The P.S. to CM/Prl. Secy. to C.M./All P.Ss to Ministers/P.S. to C.S/P.S. to. Secy (Poll)/P.A. to Jt. Secretary (Poll)
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**// FORWARDED::BY ORDER //**

**SECTION OFFICER**

**ANNEXURE –I**

**(G.O.Rt.No. 2437, G.A.(Poll.B) Dept., dt. 31-10-2017)**

**GENERAL HOLIDAYS**

| S.No | OCCASION/FESTIVAL | DATE | DAY | SAKA-ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | SANKRANTI/PONGAL | 15.01.2018 | MONDAY | PAUSHA 25-1939 |
| 2. | KANUMU | 16.01.2018 | TUESDAY | PAUSHA 26-1939 |
| 3. | REPUBLIC DAY | 26.01.2018 | FRIDAY | MAGHA 06 – 1939 |
| 4. | MAHA SHIVARATRI | 13.02.2018 | TUESDAY | MEGHA 24- 1939 |
| 5. | HOLI | 02.03.2018 | FRIDAY | Phalguna 11 - 1939 |
| 6. | GOOD FRIDAY | 30.03.2018 | FRIDAY | CHAITRA 09-1940 |
| 7. | BABU JAGIVAN RAM'S BIRTHDAY | 05.04.2018 | THURSADY | CHAITRA 15-1940 |
| 8. | IDUL FITR | 16.06.2018 | SATURDAY | JYAISHTHA 26-1940 |
| 9. | INDEPENDENCE DAY | 15.08.2018 | WEDNESDAY | SRAVANA 24-1940 |
| 10. | BAKRID (ID-UL-AZHA) | 22.08.2018 | WEDNESDAY | SRAVANA 31 – 1940 |
| 11. | SRI KRISHNA ASTAMI | 03.09.2018 | MONDAY | BHADRA 12 – 1940 |
| 12. | VINAYAKA CHAVITHI | 13.09.2018 | THURSDAY | BHADRA 22-1940 |
| 13. | SHAHADAT IMAM HUSSAIN (R.A.) - MUHARRAM | 21.09.2018 | FRIDAY | BHADRA 30-1940 |
| 14. | MAHTMA GANDHI JAYANTHI | 02.10.2018 | TUESDAY | ASVINA 10 – 1940 |
| 15. | *DURGASTAMI/ Maharnavami | 17.10.2018 | WEDNESDAY | ASVINA 25-1940 |
| 16. | VIJAYA DASAMI/ DUSSEHRA | 18.10.2018 | THURSDAY | ASVINA 26 – 1940 |
| 17. | DEEPAVALI | 07.11.2018 | WEDNESDAY | KARTIKA 16-1940 |
| 18. | EID MILADUN NABI (S.A.W.S) (1140 HIJRI) | 21.11.2018 | WEDNESDAY | KARTIKA 30-1940 |
| 19. | CHRISTMAS | 25.12.2018 | TUESDAY | PAUSHA 04-1940 |

*****Both the General Holiday for Durgastami and O.H for Maharnavami have occurred on 17.10.2018.

**PART-II**

The following festivals occur on 2nd Saturday and Sunday during the year 2018

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| 1. | BHOGI/TAMIL NEW YEAR'S DAY * | 14.01.2018 | SUNDAY | PAUSHA 24– 1939 |
| 2. | UGADI | 18.03.2018 | SUNDAY | PHALGUNA 27- 1939 |
| 3. | SRI RAMA NAVAMI | 25.03.2018 | SUNDAY | CHAITRA 04-1940 |
| 4. | DR.B.R. AMBEDKAR'S BIRTHDAY | 14.04.2018 | SATURDAY | CHAITRA 24-1940 |

(*****) Both the General Holiday for Bhogi and O.H. for Tamil New Year's day have occurred on 14.1.2018.

( contd…..Annexure-II)

**ANNEXURE – II**

**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS**

| S.NO | OCCASION/FESTIVAL | DATE | DAY | SAKA-ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | NEW YEAR | 01.01.2018 | MONDAY | PAUSHA 11-1939 |
| 2. | SRI PANCHAMI | 22.01.2018 | MONDAY | MAGHA 02-1939 |
| 3. | BIRTHDAY OF HZT.SYED MOHAMMED JUVANPURI MAHDI MAÚD(A.S.) | 1.02.2018 | THURSDAY | MAGHA 12-1939 |
| 4. | MAHAVEER JAYANTHI | 29.03.2018 | THURSDAY | CHAITRA 08-1940 |
| 5. | BASAVA JAYANTHI | 18.04.2018 | WEDNESDAY | CHAITRA 28-1940 |
| 6. | BUDDHA PURNIMA | 30.04.2018 | MONDAY | VAISAKHA 10-1940 |
| 7. | SHAB-E-BARAT | 02.05.2018 | WEDNESDAY | VAISAKHA 12-1940 |
| 8. | SHAHADAT HAZRATH ALI (R.A.) | 05.06.2018 | TUESDAY | JYAISHTHA 15-1940 |
| 9. | SHAB-E-QADER | 12.06.2018 | TUESDAY | JYAISHTHA 22-1940 |
| 10. | JUMMA TUL WADA | 15.06.2018 | FRIDAY | JYAISHTHA 25-1940 |
| 11. | PARSI NEW YEAR'S DAY | 17.08.2018 | FRIDAY | SRAVANA 26-1940 |
| 12. | VARALAKSHMI VRATHAM | 24.08.2018 | FRIDAY | BHADRA 02-1940 |
| 13. | EID-E-GHADEER | 30.08.2018 | THURSDAY | BHADRA 08-1940 |
| 14. | 9TH MUHARRAM (1440 HIJRI) | 20.09.2018 | THURSDAY | BHADRA 29 - 1940 |
| 15. | MAHALAYA AMAVASYA | 08.10.2018 | MONDAY | ASVINA 16-1940 |
| 16. | ARBAYEEN | 30.10.2018 | TUESDAY | KARTIKA 08-1940 |
| 17. | NARAKA CHATURDHI | 06.11.2018 | TUESDAY | KARTIKA 15-1940 |
| 18. | KARTHIKA PURNIMA / GURUNANAK JAYANTHI | 23.11.2018 | FRIDAY | AGRAHAN 02-1940 |
| 19. | CHRISTMAS EVE | 24.12.2018 | MONDAY | PAUSHA 03-1940 |
| 20. | BOXING DAY | 26.12.2018 | WEDNSDAY | PAUSHA 05-1940 |

**PART – II**

The following festival occurs on 2nd Saturday and Sunday during the year 2018.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | BIRTHDAY OF HAZRATH ALI (RA) | 1.04.2018 | SUNDAY | CHAITRA 11-1940 |
| 2. | SHAB-E-MERAJ | 15.04.2018 | SUNDAY | CHAITRA 25-1940 |
| 3. | RATHA YATHRA | 14.07.2018 | SATURDAY | ASHADHA 23-1940 |
| 4. | SRAVANA PURNIMA / RAKHI PURNIMA | 26.08.2018 | SUNDAY | BHADRA 04-1940 |